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Westport Monthly Mtg  
Minutes

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7<sup>th</sup> mo 1845 — 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1850

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS  
FOR NEW ENGLAND



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Westport Monthly Meeting - Meeting of Women Friends

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At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New-  
England held on Rhode Island from the 16th of the 6th  
mo<sup>th</sup> to the 23rd of the same, inclusive, 1855.

As concern having spread over this Meeting on  
account of the painful state of things in our  
society and Men Friends having informed that they  
had appointed a committee to visit subordinate  
Meetings for the purpose of advising and  
assisting them in the maintenance of our  
Christian discipline and good order - in the  
transaction of their business - and in order to  
promote the same and for the preservation of our  
ancient principles and testimonies this meeting unites  
therewith and appoints Patience Chace, Mary  
Buffington, Elizabeth Mitchel, Mahetable Eddy,  
Lydia Swain, Mary Davis, Phebe Foster, Mary  
"Buffington 2nd Mary Gardner, Judith Swift, Elizabeth  
Hill, Sylvia De Wilbur, Mary Chace, Ruth Chace,  
Elizabeth Perry, Lucretia Tucker, Mary Paddock, Sarah  
I Kenyon, Lydia Wilbur and Martha I Gould, to join  
Men Friends in the service.

And we also unite with our Men Friends in  
granting to our Quarterly Meetings the liberty of  
changing the times and places of holding them from  
what is now provided by the discipline if



circumstances should appear to render such change necessary.

The clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this Minute and they are requested to report such change, if any should be made, in their accounts to this meeting next year, and the committee are requested to report their proceedings at the same time.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting  
aforesaid Martha I Gould, Clerk.





## Quarterly Meetings Committee

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends  
held at Mantucket 1<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> mo 1849

Our Friends of Westport Monthly Meeting  
inform that owing to the reduced state of their  
Monthly Meeting. And meeting for worship at Center  
they desire the advice of the Quarterly Meeting -  
and men Friends having appointed a Committee  
to visit that meeting and extend such advice  
as way may open for - this meeting appoints  
Judith Swift, Rachel Gardner Sylvia R. Wilbur  
and Mary Davis to unite with them therein  
and report to a future meeting

Extracted from the Minutes of the  
meeting aforesaid — Sarah L. Paddock Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women  
Friends held at New Bedford 1<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> mo 1850.

The Committee appointed to visit Westport Monthly  
Meeting and render such advice as way opened for -  
have produced the following report - which having claimed  
the consideration of this meeting - and Men Friends having  
informed that they have continued the same Committee

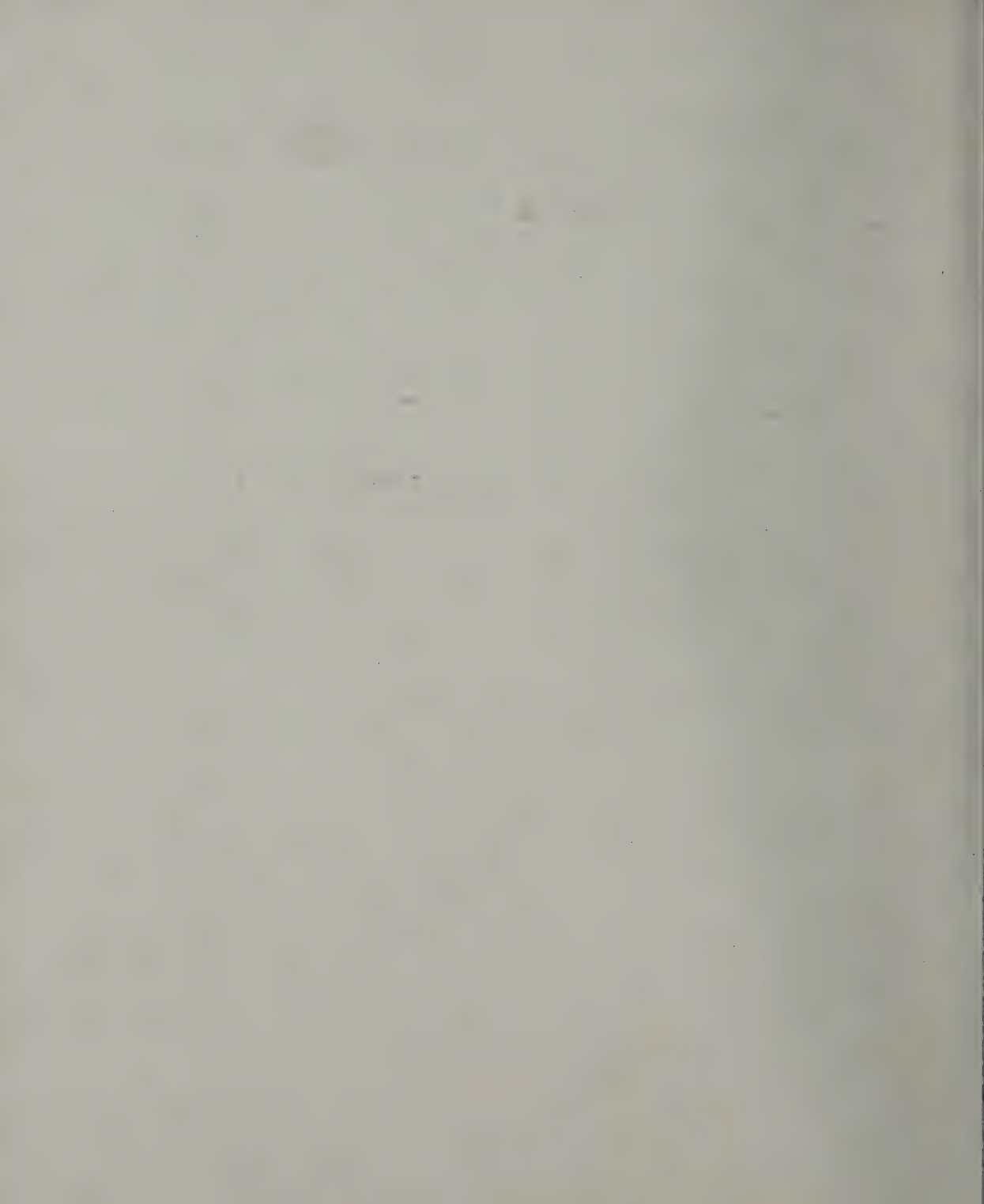
now under appointment with an addition, to advise with Friends of that meeting, and if in their judgment it may be best, or if the members of that meeting should request to be united to some other Monthly Meeting that enquiry be made of such Meeting whether the addition will be satisfactory to them — —

And the Committee are further authorized to procure a suitable place for the Monthly Meeting to be held in untill such change if any be made and extend such other labour or care as may appear necessary — with which this meeting unites and continues the Friends now under appointment from this meeting with the addition of Mary Macy — Mary Paddock and Mary Ann Guber to join them in the service — and report their judgment as to what course may be best for this meeting to pursue respecting it to a future meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid by Sarah S Paddock, Clerk









At our Monthly Meeting of Women friends held  
in Chestport 7th mo 17th 1845.

In consequence of a lamentable departure from  
the doctrine ever held by the society, from the first  
down to the present time, and a successful  
violation of the precious testimonies contained in  
our Christian Discipline by many under our  
name, and the Clerk of this meeting together  
with many other members having identified  
themselves with those who have separated them-  
selves from the Society of Friends, this meeting is  
under the necessity of appointing an other;  
Friends having considered the subject proposed  
Leanne Baker, which being approved by this  
meeting she is accordingly appointed for the  
day.

We have received in this meeting a copy of a  
minute from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of  
Women friends held on Nantuxhole 7th mo 1st 1845  
which has been read in this meeting. — also a  
communication from our last Yearly meeting of  
women friends held in Rhode Island for New England  
from the 16th of the 6th mo to the 2nd of the same  
inclusive, 1845. — together with an extract from the  
same meeting, all of which have been read to great  
satisfaction in this meeting. — —

This meeting unites with the men friends in their appointment of overseer for that meeting

The overseers of this meeting having separated from us, with those not in unity with friends - Thankful Cornell and Ruth E. Baker are appointed to <sup>that</sup> service untill the end ~~of the~~ <sup>of the</sup> year. - We have had the company of some of our Yearly Meetings committee together with some from the Quarterly meeting on the same appointment whose counsel and advice has been very acceptable to us -

This meeting has been informed by men friends that they have come to the conclusion to ~~change~~ <sup>unite</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~XXXXXX~~ <sup>XXXXXX</sup> our preparative meetings which is hereafter to be held at this house.

At a Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Westport Room 21st 1845 - the representatives who are appointed to attend this meeting are Ruth E. Baker and Ruth Baker all present This meeting unites in appointing Joanna Baker <sup>clerk</sup> for this meeting, untill another is appointed in her place - - - An account of some being present who are not members of our society men friends could not proceed to business and have come to the conclusion to adjourn to the front part



of the house with which this meeting unites and concludes to adjourn also.

met again according to adjournment. some of the committee appointed by our last yearly meeting have been with us acceptably at this time.

At a Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Westport 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 18 1845. Priscilla Baker and Ruth Baker are appointed representatives, to this meeting which being called are present.

The Quir of this meeting being much disturbed by those who have separated themselves from us, friends have come to the conclusion to adjourn this meeting to the front part of the house in order to finish their business. met again according to adjournment the Quiries have been read, and answers prepared to the usual number, which being approved by this meeting are to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting of women friends, for Sandwich, to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> mo next by our representatives who are Ruth C. Baker and Ruth Baker, together with an account signed by the clerk.

At our Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Westport 10<sup>th</sup> mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1845. The representatives who are appointed to attend this meeting are Ruth C. Baker and Elizabeth Baker, all present.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended according to appointment.

At our Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Westport 11th mo 20th 1865, the representatives who are appointed to attend this Meeting are Ruth Baker and Joanna Baker, all present.

The Queries have been read and answers prepared to the first, second, and tenth, which being approved by this meeting are to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting of Women friends for Sandwich, next to be held at New Bedford, by our representatives who are, Joanna Baker and Elizabeth Baker, together with an account signed by the clerk to be extracted from the minutes of this Meeting.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women friends held in Westport 12th and 18th 1865. The representatives who are appointed to attend this Meeting are, Joanna Baker and Ruth C Baker, who being called are present. The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting inform they were prevented from attending by indisposition.



at our Monthly Meeting of Men friends  
held in Westport 1st mo 15th 1846.

The representatives who are appointed to attend  
this meeting are Ruth L. Baker and Ruth Baker  
all present.

This meeting unites in reappointing Joanna  
Baker to the service of clerk for this Meeting  
and Ruth Baker assistant clerk, for the year  
ensuing, or untill others are appointed in their  
places. This Meeting unites with men friends  
in their appointment of overseers,

the time having expired for which Ruth L. Baker  
was appointed overseer, this Meeting has united  
in her reappointment, also in appointing Mary  
Gifford to the same service for the ensuing year.  
men friends uniting therewith.

The subject of appointing overseers of the poor, is  
referred to our other month.

at our Monthly Meeting of Women friends held  
in Westport 1st mo 15th 1846. The representatives  
who are appointed to attend this meeting, are  
Joanna Baker and Ruth L. Baker all present.  
The subject of appointing overseers of the poor  
coming before this meeting, Ruth Baker, and Joanna  
Baker are appointed to that service during the

by our representatives Joanna Baker, Hannah P Gifford, and Ruth Baker, to our quarterly meeting next to be held at Nantucket for Sandwich together with an account signed by the clerk.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in Westport 7<sup>th</sup> mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1846. the representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are Ruth C Baker, and Mercy Gifford, who being called are present. One of the representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting informed she was prevented from attending by indisposition in the family this meeting has been informed the other two attended according to appointment.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in Westport 8<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 1846. the representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are Ruth Baker and Mercy Gifford who being called are present.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in Westport 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 1846 by accounts received from the preparative meeting held in Westport the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Mercy Gifford and Ruth C Baker, who being called are present.

The Queries have been read, in this meeting and answers prepared to the first, second, and tenth, which are to be forwarded to Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends next to be held at Wampanoag together with an account signed by the clerk and appoint Ruth C Baker and Mercy Gifford our representatives and they are desired to report to our next monthly meeting.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in Westport 10th month 1846. By accounts received from our Preparative Meeting held in in Westport the representatives are Elizabeth Parker and Ruth Baker, who are present.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting inform they attended.

A Communication from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is read to concerning the times and places of holding our Meetings. Has been read at this time

It is concluded to change the time of holding this Monthly Meeting to the first seventh day after the third fifth day and this house at the usual hour in the eleventh month next.



and also to change the time of holding our  
Preparative Meeting to the fourth day after the first  
fifth day in the eleventh month.

Mary Gifford, Joanna Baker and Ruth C. Baker  
are appointed a committee to join men Friends  
in regard to the Meeting for Worship.

At our monthly meeting of women friends held  
in Westport N.H. mo 21<sup>st</sup> 1846. The representatives  
named in the account from the preparative meeting  
are Ruth C. Baker and Ruth Baker, who being called  
are present. Having met at the usual  
place of holding our monthly Meeting, and finding the  
house locked, we held our meeting in the Baptist  
meeting house which was kindly granted for our  
use. The Queries have been read  
and answers to the first second and tenth prepared  
which are to be forwarded to our Quarterly Meeting  
next to be held at New Bedford together with  
an account signed by the clerk and appoint  
Joanna Baker, and Ruth Baker our representatives  
and they are desired to report to our next  
monthly meeting.

It is concluded to hold our Preparative meeting the fourth day after the first fifth days, at the house of John R. Baker in Westport and to hold our monthly meeting the sixth day after the third fifth days. Likewise to hold our meetings for worship on first, and fourth days at the same place.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in Westport 12th mo. 18th 1866. the representatives named in the account from the preparative meeting are Mary Gifford and Ruth C. Baker who are present. one of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting informed they both attended. We have received Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting, which have been read in this meeting and were acceptable.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in Westport 1st mo. 22nd 1867. the representatives named in the account from the preparative meeting are Mary Gifford and Sarah Baker who are present. This meeting united in reappointing Fanna Baker Clerk, and Ruth Baker assistant clerk for this monthly meeting. the coming year and this meeting also united in reappointing Mary Gifford and Ruth C. Baker to the service of Overseers for this meeting for the year ensuing.

Elizabeth Baker is appointed, and Ruth Baker reappointed messengers of the poor during the present year, and Ruth Baker to have the care of funerals.

At our monthly meeting of Women Friends held in Westport 2nd mo 19th 1844. The representatives named in the account from the preparative meeting are Joanna Baker and Mercy Gifford who are present. This meeting unites with men Friends in disowning John Gifford of Adamsville Little Compton.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in Westport 3rd mo 19th 1844. The representatives named in the account from the preparative meeting are Mercy Gifford and Joanna Baker, who are present. The Records have been read and answers prepared which being approved by this meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives, who are Ruth Baker and Mercy Gifford to Sandwich Quarterly meeting next to be held at New Bedford, together with an account signed by the clerk.

This meeting was informed that Hannah P. Gifford had remarked within the limits of New Bedford monthly meeting and requested our certificate.

Joanna Baker and Ruth Baker are appointed to prepare one and present to our next monthly meeting.



At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
in Westport 20th mo 18th 1846. The representatives named  
in the accounts from the preparative meeting are Anstus ed.  
Baker and Elizabeth Baker, who are present.  
The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting in town  
they attended. A Certificate for Hannah A. Gifford  
recommending her to attend Bodford monthly meeting has been  
read, approved and signed in this meeting.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women friends held  
in Westport 5th mo 12th 1847.  
The representatives named in the account from our  
preparative meeting are Joanna Baker and  
Ruth Baker who are present.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women friends held  
in Westport 6th mo 19th 1847. representatives  
named in the account from the preparative meeting  
are Mercy Gifford and Anstus ed. Baker who are  
present. The Queries have been read and  
answers prepared to the first second and tenth  
which being approved by this meeting are to be  
forwarded by our representatives Ruth Baker and  
Anstus ed. Baker to Sandwich Quarterly meeting next  
to be held at Sandwich, together with an account  
given by the Clerk.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held in Westport 17th mo 16th 1849. representatives  
named in the account from the preparative meeting  
are Ruth C. Baker and Ruth Baker. who are present.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting  
inform they attended.

A communication addressed to our last  
Yearly Meeting by <sup>professed</sup> Sister Austin of Westbrook, has been  
read in this meeting and was truly acceptable.  
also some Extracts from the same meeting which  
has been read at this time.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women friends  
held in Westport 8th mo 20th 1847.  
representatives named in the account from the  
Preparative meeting are Sarah Baker and Abigail  
A. Baker who are present.  
we have received Extracts from our last Yearly  
Meeting which has been read in this meeting to  
great satisfaction.

This meeting united with our friends in receiving  
James E. Peckham into membership with friends.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
in Westport 17th mo 19th 1847. representatives named  
in the account from the Preparative Meeting

are Attorney Gifford, and Ruth C. Baker, who are  
present. The Queries have been read, and answers  
prepared which being approved by this meeting are  
to be forwarded by our representatives Mary Gifford  
and Ruth C. Baker to Lancaster Quarterly meeting  
next to be held at Andover, together with an account  
signed by the attending representatives are desired to  
support the our next monthly meeting.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in  
Westport 10th mo 22nd, 1847. representatives named in  
the account from the Preparative meeting are Ruth  
Baker and Louisa Baker who are present.  
one of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly  
meeting, informed this meeting she attended, the  
other was prevented by indisposition.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
in Westport 11th mo 19th 1847. representatives named  
in the account from the Preparative meeting are  
Elizabeth Baker and Sarah A. Baker, are not present.  
The queries have been read with answers prepared  
which are usually consistent with the true and best  
approved by this meeting are to be forwarded to  
Lancaster Quarterly meeting next to be held at  
Andover, together with an account.



signed by the clerk and appoints Joanna Baker  
and Mercy Gifford, our representatives, who are desired  
to report to our next meeting.

At our Monthly Meeting of Church Friends held  
in Westport 18th May 1859, representatives  
named in the account from the Preparative  
Meeting are Ruth Baker and Mercy Gifford  
and not present. The friends appointed to  
attend the Quarterly Meeting, have informed this  
meeting they attended.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women friends held in  
Westport 1st June 21st, 1859, representatives named  
in the account from the Preparative meeting are  
Ruth C. Baker and Elizabeth Baker who are  
present. This meeting concludes to reappoint  
Joanna Baker to the service of Clerk, and  
Ruth Baker assistant for the ensuing year.  
also unites in reappointing Mercy Gifford and  
Ruth C. Baker and appointing Ruth Baker to  
the service of Overseers for this meeting during the  
present year. Elizabeth Baker is reappointed, and  
Anastasia Baker appointed Overseers of the poor for  
the year ensuing. - and Ruth C. Baker is appointed  
to have the care of Funerals. -

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held in Westport 2nd mo 1848. representatives  
named in the account from the preparative meeting  
are Mary Gifford and Ruth C. Baker who are  
present. Complaints have been presented  
to this meeting against Anna Macomber, Barbara  
Gifford, Eunice Gifford, Lydia C. Earle, and Mary G.  
Macomber who have constantly neglected to attend  
our religious meetings, and have identified them-  
selves with those who have received an individ-  
ual as a minister of the Gospel who has published  
and circulated doctrines contrary to those of our  
standard writers, with strictures and censures  
thereon, and that body having been requested to  
take the above named subjects of un sound doctrines  
into view neglected so to do. They having been  
severally labored with, do not appear inclined  
to change their course of conduct, we accordingly  
submit these cases to the meeting,

after deliberate consideration

This meeting is advised this meeting is advised  
in accepting them, and appoints John Baker  
Ruth Baker and Charles C. Baker to visit them and  
endeavor to convince them of their departure and  
make report at our next meeting.

At our monthly meeting of Women friends held  
at 10 o'clock 17th 1842 representatives named in the account  
from the Representative meeting are Mary Gifford, and  
Annie W. Baker who are present.

The Ladies have been and read answers  
prepared which being approved in this meeting, are  
to be forwarded by our representatives Ruth Baker,  
and Joanna Baker, to Sandwich Quarterly meeting  
next to be held at 10 o'clock together with an  
account signed by the committee. representatives desired  
to report to our next meeting.

The Committee that was appointed last month  
to visit Anna Macomber, Esther Gifford,  
Barbara Gifford, Lydia C. Emle, and Mary G.  
Macomber, have presented the following report which  
is accepted. This meeting is united in denying  
them the right of membership. - and appoints  
Elizabeth Baker and Annie W. Baker to inform them  
severally thereof, having the concurrence of men friends  
herein.

This meeting unites with men friends in  
denying Samuel White, Isaac Macomber, Daniel  
Macomber, John Gifford 2d, Jacob Macomber, John  
W. Gifford, and William Gifford, the right of member-  
ship with friends.



At our monthly meeting of Nov. friends held  
in Westport to the my 21st 1844. representations  
namely in the accounts from the preparation  
meeting are Elizabeth Baker and Ruth Baker  
who are opponents. The friends appointed to  
attend the Quarter's meeting inform they attended.  
The friends appointed last month to inform others  
Macomber, Barbara Gifford, Eunice Gifford, Lydia  
L. Burke and Mary G. Macomber that they were  
denied the right of membership among friends  
inform this meeting they have attended thereto.

A Complaint has been presented to this meeting  
against Deborah G. Gifford for entirely neglecting  
to attend our religious meetings and having identified  
herself with those who have separated themselves  
from friends by supporting unsound doctrines.  
she having been laboured with, does not appear  
disposed to change her course of conduct, we  
accordingly submit the above case to the meeting.

Which this meeting unites in accepting and appoints Priscilla Baker, and Mary Gifford to visit her and endeavour to convince her of her departure and report at our next meeting.

Also a Complaint has been presented to this meeting against Sarah W. Baker for entirely neglecting to attend our religious meetings and identifying herself with those who have separated themselves from friends by supporting unsound doctrine, she having been laboured with and not appearing inclined to change her course of conduct, we therefore submit the above case to the meeting.

Which this meeting unites to accept and appoints Amos C. Baker and Priscilla Baker to visit her, and endeavour to convince her of her departure, and report at our next meeting.

All our Monthly Meeting of Boston friends held in Westport 25th mo 1843 representatives named in the account from the preparative meeting are Amos C. Baker and Mary Gifford who are present. The Committee that was appointed last month to have an interview with Deborah C. Gifford have presented the following report, <sup>which is accepted</sup> after deliberate consideration this meeting is united in denying her the right

of membership with friends, and appoints Henry Gifford to inform her thereof, having the concurrence of men friends therein.

The Committee appointed to visit Sarah W. Baker have presented the following report, which is accepted, and this meeting is united in saying her the right of membership with friends, and appoints Ruth Baker to inform her thereof, having the concurrence of men friends therein.

At our Monthly Meeting of women friends held in Westport - 6th mo 19th 1848 - representatives named in the account from the preparative meeting are Ruth Baker and Henry Gifford who are present.

The friends appointed last month, to inform Deborah C. Gifford, and Sarah W. Baker, that they were united the right of membership, inform they have attended thereto.

The Queries have been read with answers to the first second and tenth, which being approved by this meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives who are Henry Gifford, and Ruth Baker, to Sandwich Quarterly meeting next to be held at Sandwich, together with an account signed by the Clerk.

This meeting unites with men friends in saying Abraham C. Baker the right of membership.



At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held in Westport 7th mo 21st 1848  
representatives named in the account from the  
Preparative meeting are Joanna Baker and  
Anstus A. Baker who are present.

One of the friends appointed to attend the  
Quarterly meeting has informed this meeting  
she did not attend, the others attended according  
to appointment.

At our Monthly Meeting of women  
friends held in Westport 8th mo 1848  
representatives named in the account from the  
preparative meeting are Mary Gifford and Ruth C.  
Baker who are present.

Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting have been  
received and read at this time to our satisfaction  
and encouragement.

At our Monthly Meeting of women friends  
held in Westport 9th mo 22nd 1848 representatives  
named in the account from the preparative  
meeting are Anstus A. Baker, and Lydia A.  
Gifford who are present.

The Quæries have been read with answers  
to the first, second, and tenth which

being approved by this meeting are to be  
forwarded by our representatives Mary Gifford  
and Joanna Baker to Sandwich Quarterly meeting  
next to be held at Sandwich, together with an  
account signed by the clerk.

At our Monthly Meeting of women friends  
held in Westport on May 20th 1845. representatives  
named in the account from the preparative meeting  
are Ruth C. Baker and Joanna Baker who are  
present. The friends appointed to attend the  
Quarterly meeting informed; they were not able to  
attend on account of indisposition.

At our Monthly Meeting of women friends held in  
Westport 11th May 1845. representatives named in  
the account from the preparative meeting are Ruth  
Baker and Mary Gifford who are present.  
The business have been read with prayers to the first  
second and fourth which are to be forwarded to  
Sandwich Quarterly meeting next to be held at  
New Bedford, together with an account signed by the  
clerk, and appoints Ruth C. Baker and Mary Gifford  
our representatives, and they are to report at our  
next meeting.

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends  
held in Westport 12<sup>th</sup> mo 22nd 1848

representatives named in the account from  
the Preparative meeting are Esther & Boker  
and Mary Gifford, who are present.

One of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly  
meeting informed this meeting she attended,  
the other was prevented by indisposition.

Men friends informed they had come to the  
conclusion to adjourn the monthly meeting to  
our next Preparative meeting day, with which  
this meeting unites.

1st mo 10th 1849, met according to adjournment

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends  
held in Westport 1st mo 22nd 1849

representatives named in the account from  
the Preparative meeting are Joanna Boker  
and Ruth Boker, who are present.

This meeting unites in reappointing Joanna Boker  
to the service of Clerk, and Ruth Boker assistant  
for the year ensuing. Also reappoints Mary  
Gifford, Ruth Boker and Ruth C. Boker Assessors  
for this meeting for the ensuing year.

Elizabeth Boker and Charles C. Boker are reappoi-  
nted overseers of the year.



and Ruth C. Baker to have the care of the church  
during the present year.

At our monthly meeting of women friends held  
in Westport 2nd mo 4th 1849. representatives named  
in the account from the preparative meeting are  
Ruth C. Baker and Joanna Baker who are present.

At our Monthly Meeting of women friends held in  
Westport 3rd mo 10th 1849. representatives named  
in the account from the preparative meeting are  
Ruth C. Baker, and Joanna Baker who are present.

The Series have been read with answers thereto,  
which being approved by this meeting we to be forwarded  
by our representatives Ruth C. Baker and Mary  
Gifford, to Sandwich Quarterly meeting next to be  
held at New Bedford, together with an account signed  
by the Clerk.

Our Beloved friend Nathan Paige attended this  
meeting with a copy of a minute of our Sister  
monthly meeting dated 3rd mo 3th 1849 expressing a desire  
unity with his brethren, whose companions and helpful  
labors have been satisfactory to the Convention.

At our Monthly Meeting of women friends held  
in Westport 21<sup>st</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1849. representatives named  
in the account from the preparative meeting are  
Elizabeth Baker and Mary Gifford, who are present.  
one of the friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting  
informed this meeting she attended but the other was  
prevented by indisposition.

At our Monthly Meeting of women friends held  
in Westport 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1849. representatives  
named in the account from the preparative meeting  
are Ruth C. Baker and Francis Baker, who are  
present. This meeting united with men  
friends in singing Stephen Allen, John Potter,  
William Davis, John Davis and Benjamin Davis  
the right of membership with friends.

At our Monthly Meeting of women friends  
held in Westport 1<sup>st</sup> mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1849. Mary  
Gifford and Elizabeth C. Baker are the representatives  
named in the account from the preparative meeting  
who are present.

The friends here have sent with dismission to with  
the ~~next~~ they were to be forwarded to our  
preparative meeting Gifford and Baker to  
attend the quarterly meeting

and to be held at a future date. together with  
an account given by the clerk.

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At a meeting of the friends of the meeting held  
in Westport on the 20<sup>th</sup> 1869, representatives  
named in the account from the Preparative meeting  
are John Baker and George Baker who are present

One of the friends appointed to attend the  
meeting informed this meeting she  
attended. the other was prevented by indisposi-  
tion.

At our Monthly Meeting of women friends  
held in Westport on the 17<sup>th</sup> 1869 representatives  
named in the account from the Preparative meeting  
are Susan A. Baker and Mercy Gifford who are  
present.



At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in Westport 9th mo 21st 1849. representatives named in the account from the Preparative meeting are Mercy Gifford, and Ruth Baker who are present.

The Queries have been read with answers to the usual three, which are to be forwarded by our representatives Ruth Baker, and Mercy Gifford to Sandwich Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Wankuckat, together with an account signed by the Clerk.

Owing to our reduced state, this meeting unites with men Friends in asking the advice of the Quarterly Meeting.

At our Monthly Meeting of women Friends held in Westport 10th and 19th 1849 representatives named in the account from the preparative meeting are Ruth Baker and Mercy Gifford who are present.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly informed this meeting that convey did not open for their attendance.

This meeting having asked the advice of the Quarterly Meeting, (That meeting has appointed Fidelity Swift, Rachel Gardner, Sylvia R. Wilbur,

and Mary Davis a committee to join men friends  
in extending such advice as way may open for  
and that committee has attended this meeting with  
the exception of Judith Swift, whose company and  
labours have been truly acceptable at this time.

We have received extracts from our last year  
ly Meeting, which has been read in this meeting  
to good satisfaction.

Our monthly Meeting of women Friends held  
in Westport of the 11th inst. 1844. was well  
attended in the evening from the Persimmon meeting  
on a very high and well by Peter and  
friends.

The Minutes have been read with answers  
to the first, second, and third articles to the effect  
by our representatives, a very high and well by  
Peter to the same. A meeting next to be held  
at New Bedford together with a document signed by  
the church.

The meeting will be with men friends in the evening  
Peter to be the subject of the meeting with friends.

At our Monthly Meeting of women Friends  
held in Westport 12th mo 21st 1867. representatives  
named in the account from the Preparative  
meeting are Ruth C. Baker and Mary Gifford  
who were prevented from attending by bodily  
infirmities. The friends appointed to attend  
the Quarterly Meeting affirmed this meeting they  
attended. ( )

At our Monthly Meeting of women Friends  
held in Westport 12th mo 21st 1868. representatives  
named in the account from the Preparative meeting  
are Lydia S. Gifford, and Joanna Baker who  
are present.

This meeting elects in reappointing Joanna  
Baker to the office of Clerk, and Ruth Baker  
assistant for the year ensuing.

Mary Gifford and Ruth Baker are reappointed  
messengers for this meeting for the ensuing year.

Abner J. Baker is reappointed messenger of the  
year for the ensuing year. Ruth C. Baker  
to have the care of the records for the year ensuing.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
in Westport 2nd mo 22nd 1869. Representatives  
named in the account from the Preparative meeting  
are Ruth Baker, and Mary Gifford, who are present.



Our Esteemed Friend Nathan Page attended this  
Meeting with a Certificate from Salem meeting under  
date 17th of 1st mo 1850. expressing of their unity  
with his ministry and concerns, whose company and  
Baptist labours I have been truly satisfactory.

This meeting under with men friends in denying  
Emmanuel Pearl the right of membership.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
in Westport 22d mo 22 1850 Representatives named  
in the account from the Springfield meeting are  
Ruth Baker and Ruth C. Baker who are present.

Some of the Quarterly Meetings Committee  
having requested the adjournment of our quarterly meeting  
to the 30th of the present month with which this  
meeting under

3rd mo 1850 and according to adjournment  
one of the representatives prevented from attending  
by indisposition.

The Lutes have been read and answers prepared  
which are to be forwarded by our representatives from  
Baker and they agreed to conduct quarterly meeting.

next to be held at New Bedford, together with an account signed by the Clerk.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in Westport 5th May 1850. Representatives named in the account from the Preparative Meeting are Mercy Gifford and Joanna Baker who are present.

One of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting informed she attended, the other was prevented by the inclemency of the weather.

At our Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in Westport 5th May 1850. Representatives named in the account from the Preparative meeting are Ruth Baker and Mercy Gifford who are present.

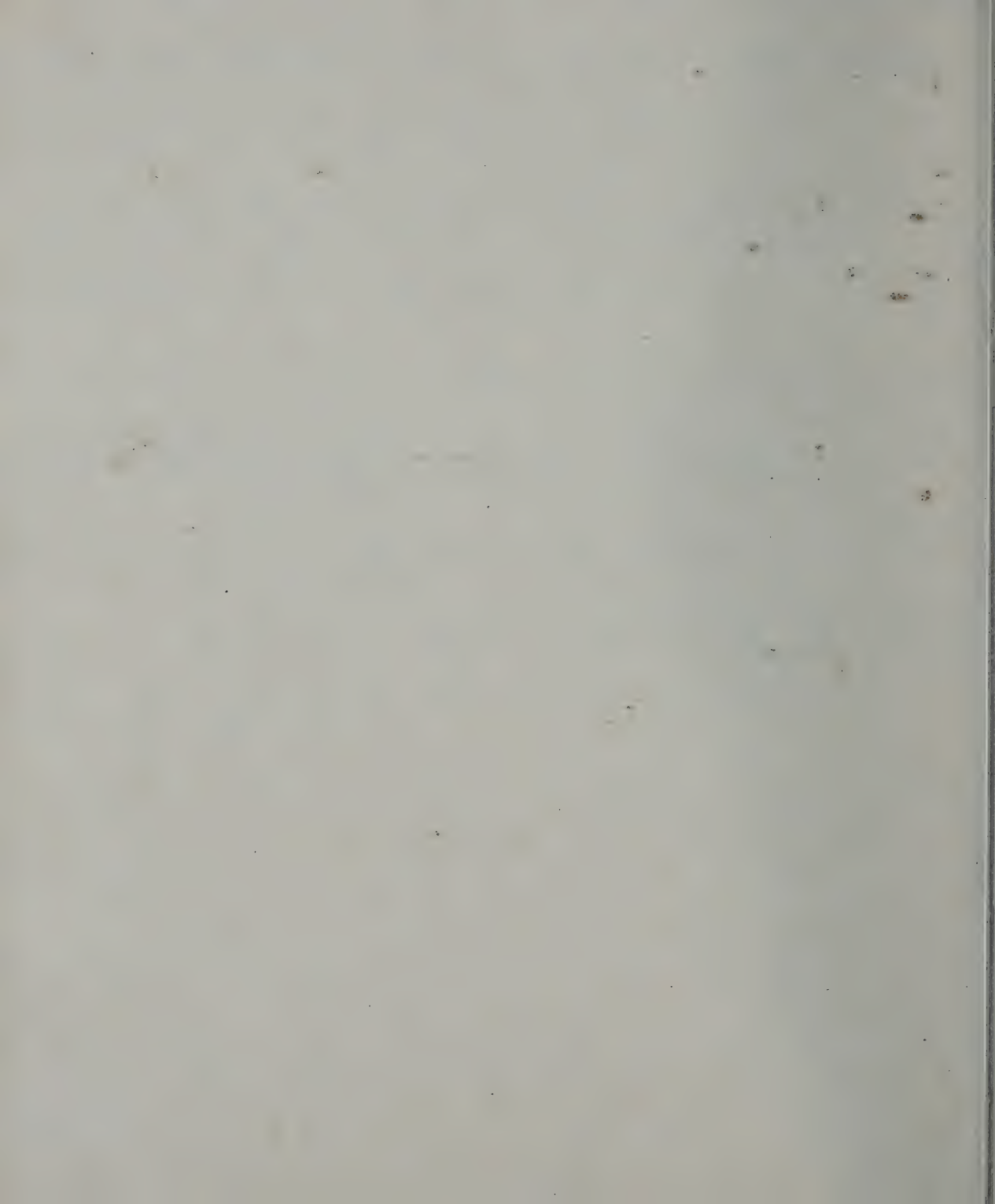
By information received from our last Quarterly meeting we find the Committee appointed in last month past to visit this Meeting and extend such advice as may be given; are still continued with the addition of Mary Gifford, Mary Baker, and a portion of that Committee attended this meeting whose company and labours have been acceptable at this time.

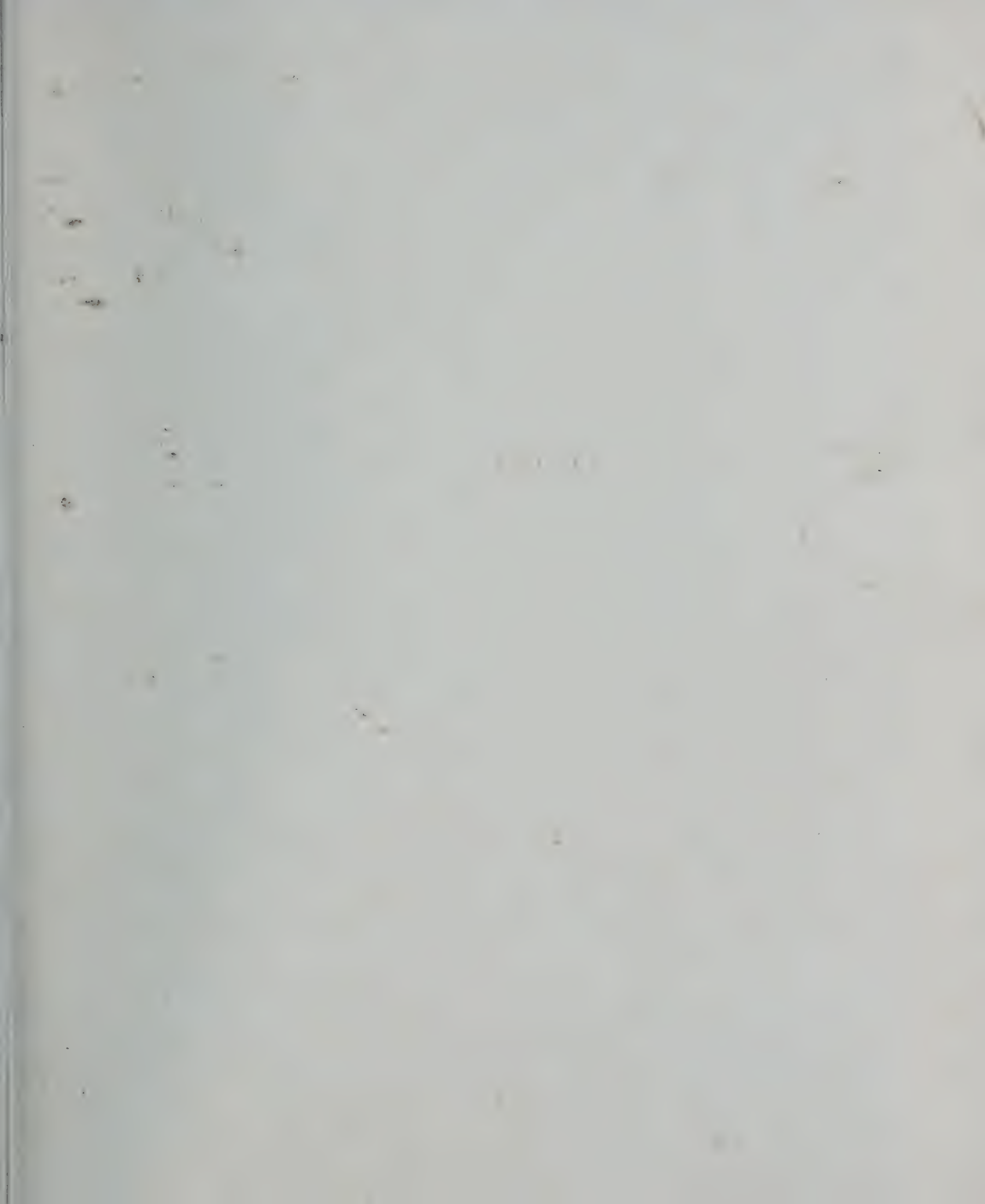
When friends informed this evening they had  
come to the conclusion to request to be summoned  
to Dartmouth monthly meeting, with which this  
meeting unites

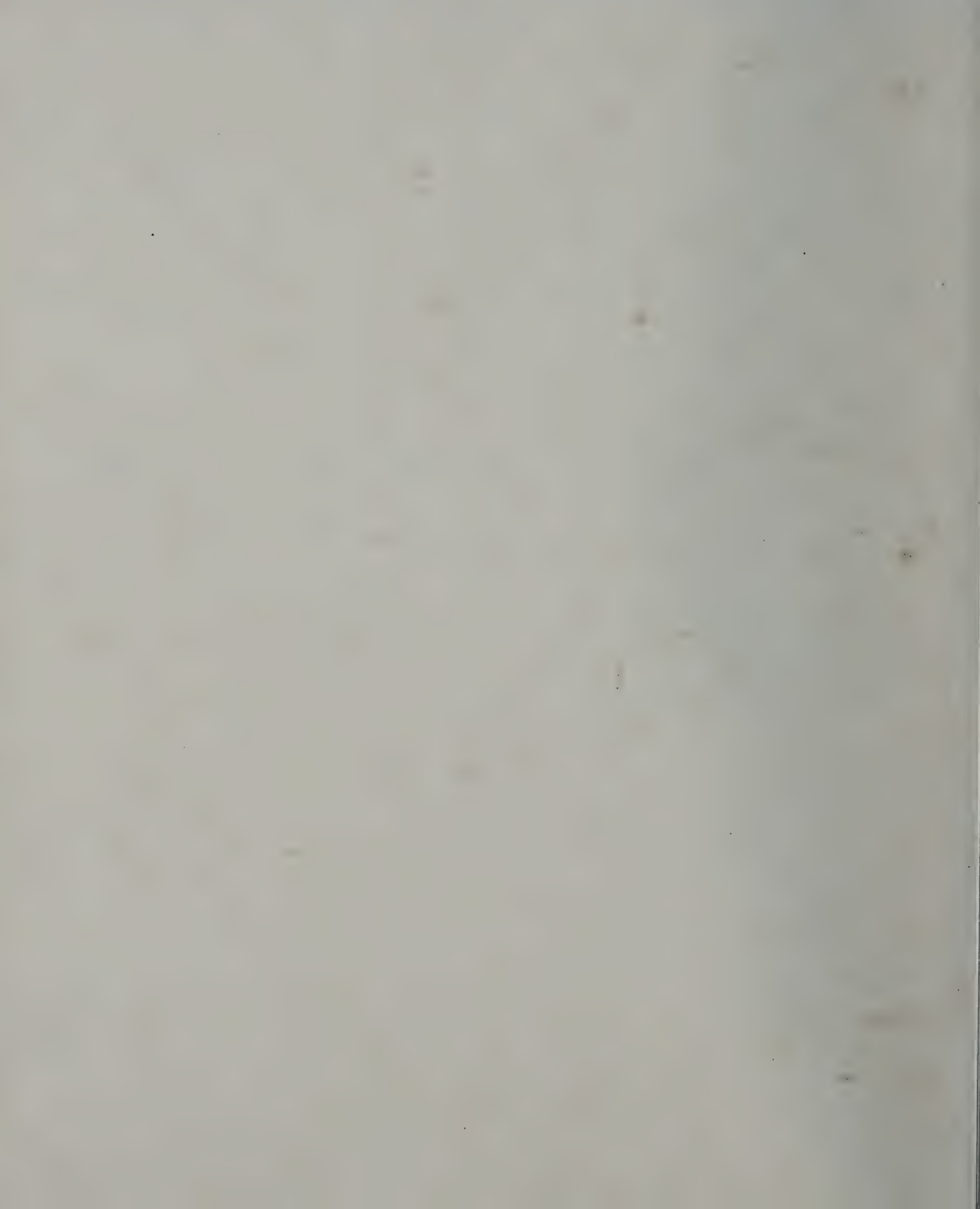
At our monthly meeting of Women Friends held  
in Wadsworth at 12 o'clock 1850. Representatives  
named in the account from the Preparative meeting  
are ~~Arthur~~ A. Baker and Ruth Baker who  
are present—

The Ladies have been sent with answers  
to the which are to be forwarded by our representa-  
tives Mary Gifford, and Ruth Baker to Sandwich  
Quarterly <sup>meeting</sup> next to be held at Kentucket, together with  
an account signed by the Clerk.











At a Special Quarterly Meeting of the Women's Society  
held at the residence of Mrs. J. H. [unclear] 1855.

The Committee appointed to visit Westport Church  
and under such advice as they may receive have prepared the  
report which having examined the constitution of this society  
then friends having informed that they were confirmed the com-  
mittee are under appointment in full session, to advise with  
of that meeting, and if in their judgment it may be best, with the  
if that meeting should request to be united to some other Monthly  
that inquiry be made of such meeting whether the conditions were  
favorable to them. - And the Committee are further authorized  
to procure suitable place for the Monthly Meeting to be held at, with  
change if any be made, and extend such other labor as may be  
deemed necessary - with which this meeting, under such conditions  
friends are under appointment from this meeting, with the  
of Mary May, Mary Paddock and Mary Ann [unclear] to join  
the service - and what their judgment as to what course  
for this meeting to pursue respecting it, to a future meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of the  
afternoon by Sarah S. Paddock Clark



At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends  
held at Nantucket 4th of 10th mo 1849.

Our Friends of Westport Monthly Meeting informed  
that owing to the reduced state of their Monthly Meeting  
meeting for worship at Centis they desire the advice of  
Quarterly Meeting - and new Friends having appointed  
a Committee to visit that meeting and extend such  
as may may open for - this meeting appoints Judith  
Rachel Gardner, Sylvia R. Wilbur and Mary Davis to  
with them therein and report to a future meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting  
afresence — Sarah S. Packard Clerk





present day who abide in the patience and maintain the  
watch will experience the fulfilment of the gracious promise  
"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" - and so continue  
steadfast in that faith which giveth the victory and overcometh  
the world, they will be brought forth as gold that has been  
in the fire.

Finally those whose eyes have been measurably opened  
to see the exceeding sinfulness of sin, but who through inat-  
tention to the Light which maketh manifest, have not fully  
submitted to the operation of that Power which cleanseth from its  
inwardness and changeth the corrupt propensities and fallen na-  
ture of the heart of man - have been encouraged to take this grace  
upon them <sup>and learn of Him</sup> who was meek and low of heart, that so they may  
find rest to their souls. - As this is our continued engage-  
ment we shall be kindly affectioned one towards another - according  
to the Apostolic injunction - in honour preferring one another  
so fulfil the law of Christ; - instead of indulging in feelings of  
variance with that law - and allowing ourselves to speak slight-  
ingly of another we should witness the blessed effects of it, in set-  
ting us free from the law of sin and death and restoring rightness  
and purity of heart - then indeed shall we become an unfeigned  
helpers and joy in the Lord - a people zealous of good works and  
show forth the praise of Him who hath called us out of darkness  
into His marvellous Light.

Martha S. Gould  
Obed to the meeting this year.



Extracts from the minutes of an Yearly Meeting of  
Friends for New England held on Rhode Island  
adjournments from the 10th of the 6th mo to the 15th of the  
7th inclusive 1849.

During the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting our  
views have been introduced into a lively exercise for the  
advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in ourselves - and  
the necessity of an unreserved submission to the humbling  
power of the Cross of Christ, and of greater faithfulness to the  
manifestation of Divine Light and grace has  
weightily impressed upon us; that so we may be favoured  
to experience an individual growth and establishment in  
Truth, and receive a right qualification to promote the  
cause of righteousness in the Earth.

We have been feelingly reminded that it was the  
lasting Truth itself for which our worthy predecessors patiently  
endured long and cruel sufferings; and that the Principles  
Testimonies which we profess, and are assuredly called upon  
to bear, have been transmitted unto us through them, in all  
their fullness and excellency. — But it is only as we are led  
by the same unerring Spirit and strengthened by that Divine  
Power which sustained them under all their trials, and gave  
them the victory, that we can be enabled to maintain the same  
Principles with undimmed brightness and in unsullied purity.  
And as we are livingly engaged to follow them as they  
followed Christ, although we may be tried as in the furnace of  
affliction, yet His humble and dependant children in the



12  
we shall be preserved a living people, and so our conversion  
through aduable mercy, being with the Father and with the Son  
we shall have true joyful-fellowship one with another, and  
- moved to experience the unity of the Spirit in the bond of

Thus we thus lovingly engaged to acknowledge  
all our ways, and to wait for His unerring ~~eternal~~ direction  
He mercifully promised; "I will guide thee with mine eye  
standard of Truth would be erected in the sight of the people  
a manner, as to cause them to rally themselves, as does to the  
of the work of the Lord's testimony - every unwashed friend  
might be raised unbidden to steady the same, would be  
and we should experience a growth and stability in the  
advancing step by step towards an establishment therein,  
that gracious and consoling promise is abundantly verified  
make an everlasting covenant with you, even the same as  
David."

Often Friends inform that under a consideration of the  
ties and circumstances to which Friends in various places are  
subjected in consequence of the late separation, with regard to  
our religious meetings; they have again concluded to extend  
by heartily granted to the several Quarterly Meetings, to re-  
-sisting to the present arrangement for another year, or if  
circumstances should it shall appear necessary to change the  
a places of assembling - they are left at liberty to do so, and  
- led to report such change, if any, to this meeting next year  
which this meeting resolves, and the Clerk is directed to furnish  
Quarterly Meetings with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting, approved

Abigail & Sarah C.

Extracts from the minutes of our Quarterly Meeting of  
Brethren Friends for New England, held in Rhode Island, by ad-  
journment from the Eleventh of the 6th month to the 15th of the  
same inclusive 1848.

Second day of the week and 12th of the month.

The state-  
ment, being introduced by the reading of the Queries with the  
answers thereto received from the Quarterly Meeting, much instruction  
and has been imparted - a lively concern having been felt and  
expressed, that Friends individually may be more and more engaged  
in the maintenance of all our previous testimonies - The deficiencies  
noted in some of the answers, &c. with regard to the subject of  
, have been feelingly alluded to, and Friends were tenderly exhorted  
to fulfilment in the performance of these duties, which are not only  
valuable to the well-being of Society, but to our individual advance-  
ment in religious experience and usefulness.

We were reminded that as the Love of the Father is shed  
out in our hearts, by His Spirit, which He hath given us, and we  
do love Him supremely, we shall be furnished to experience  
fulfilment of that emphatic declaration of Holy writ, "If ye  
love me, keep my commandments; so shall ye abide in my Love -  
as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide  
in His Love." Love is the badge of true discipleship; as said our  
red Redeemer, "By this shall all men know that ye are my  
disciples if ye have Love one unto another." and if we through the  
abundance of our Heavenly Father's Love, are brought to yield obedience  
and uprightness of instruction, and to walk in the Light, as He is the Light



we abide in me, for without me ye can do nothing  
and may we so abide in him, that we may be  
abled to discern all the stratagems of the enemy in  
transformed appearances, that every thing may be  
moved that is not of his own setting, that he  
...in amongst us, that the Church may again  
forth in its ancient splendour, and be seen com-  
ing from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved  
fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible  
array with banners, that there be no limiting  
truth. Remember Gideon's company was a  
company, yet we see how the Lord did magnify  
his power and his mighty arm in putting  
to flight of the Midianites to flight.

May the Lord vouchsafe of his living presence  
amongst you, in this your annual assembly  
all may be done to his glory and to the  
of his great name: if any man speak, let  
speak as the oracle of God, if any man minister  
let him do it of the ability that God giveth.

Finally my friends be strong in the  
and in the power of his might - put on the  
armour, and take the sword of the spirit  
you may be enabled to quench all the  
darts of the wicked - so breathe your absent  
though absent in body, yet present in spirit

Esther Doestler  
Westbrook (Maine) Aug 11 1847



To the Yearly Meeting of Friends (for New England)  
Dear Beloveds  
My soul breathes unto the Fountain for your  
preservation in the unchangable truth, as well  
as for myself, that you may be strengthened to  
hold on your way, give not back, for it is those  
that continue firm unto the end, that shall re-  
ceive the crown - even that crown that never  
can fade away.

Keep all your meetings in the power of  
God and witness that to be over all: be not  
dismayed at the smallness of your numbers,  
though it be reduced as Gideon's of old - for  
there is an all powerful Captain ~~that~~ who never  
was failed in battle, nor beaten in the field  
and who brings all off conquerors that faithfully  
follow him. - Those that are willing to  
suffer with him and to be reproached for his  
names sake - when he reigns shall also reign  
with him, for "where I am" he says "there shall  
be also my servants be. - The servant is not greater than  
his Lord, neither is he that is sent greater than  
he that sent him. If they have called the master  
of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they  
call those of his household: - therefore take courage,  
may we abide in him the true and living vine,  
as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except  
it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye

Let our yearly collecting of names, money, and  
land, be by adjournments, from the 1st to the 15th instance of the

The state of society is presented by the answers to the Queries  
under consideration. much tender concern has been indicated on regard  
the attendance of our religious meetings and the maintenance of a right  
of mind therein. — we have been feelingly cautioned against neglecting  
part of christian duty, or when assembled, giving way to a lukewarm  
-sition and so being overcome with drowsiness — a temptation of the ene-  
mity (who is continually seeking to ensnare the unwary) to which we  
peculiarly exposed.

The meeting has been introduced into much exercise  
by the members of our religious society and for the maintenance  
of our principles and testimonies, which we as a people are still called upon  
and earnest desires have been expressed that such as have been favored to be  
faithful in the support of those against the innovations which have  
-ly made within our borders, may continue to hold on their way; and that  
god watchfulness and circumspection may be shown by all our members  
that we are individually accountable for our stewardship, and that the eyes  
would be upon us, in whose view we have made ourselves conspicuous by  
progress we are making.

The close trials which have been allotted us, have been  
directed to, and a concern has been expressed that there may have the effect  
of drawing us nearer to the source and fountain of Divine consolation and  
help, that so our faith and confidence being firm time to time renewed  
we may thus far make a way for us where there seemed to be no way, we may  
perceive the blessing of preservation, and establishment on that foundation.



with the Church and the People of the World.

The Committee appointed last year to visit subordinate Societies, proceeded on the  
very report what is accepted - and Hallowell, Southfield, Passumpsic, and  
~~the~~ Fairfield Quarterly Meetings still desiring to report their state to the  
Society, and being informed that our Town's Meeting had continued the same  
under appointment to extend care to these and other subordinate Meetings,  
and by minute of last year, we unite therewith, and reappointed Mary  
C. Macy, Mary Macy, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Davis, Ruth Chase, Mary Ann Take  
atell, R. Nichols, Mary Buffinton, Asenath Buffinton, Phoebe Foster, Sylvia  
C. S. S. S. S. and Mary Buffinton to join them in the service and report to  
meeting next year.

It is the conclusion of this meeting that for the present, when cases occur of  
sins in marriage, by persons residing without the limits of this Yearly  
Meeting, or in Monthly Meetings within the Yearly Meeting where there has been no  
action, that a satisfactory Certificate from sound Friends who may reside within  
the limits of such Monthly Meeting, or in the vicinity thereof, be received in the same  
manner and for the same purpose as Certificates have hitherto been received from  
Yearly Meetings.

The youth have been earnestly and affectionately entreated to  
stand fast to the Power of the cross of Christ, by which they would be preserved from the  
minimizing influence of improper associations, and being made willing to ap  
pear for His sake and to follow Him the Beloved of souls, in the way of Holiness,  
their hearts would be filled with the reward of that peace which the world  
neither give nor take away.

In this Yearly Meeting we have been favoured to feel the good  
will of the Shepherd of Israel - strengthening and encouraging us under  
various trials - uniting our hearts to Him and one unto another, and ena  
bling us to rejoice in that we have been permitted to suffer for His sake, who  
wishes to be the alone Helper of His people.

Extracted from the



Minutes of the Meeting of the

By the Hon. J. Hunt Esq.

1877  
The Great O.K. Meeting.

At New England Yearly Meeting of Women  
at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the  
18th until the 29th of the same inclusive 1846.

We have been again permitted through the  
of our Heavenly Father to meet in this our annual  
we believe it has been a season in which many hearts were  
together and united by the power of that Spirit which giveth  
inward life & truth by abiding in the name of the Father  
Son - and the evidence has been abundantly afforded that we  
are fed with the same spiritual food and refreshed from the  
inexhaustible fountain as made perfect in one; - that  
there is one Lord and one Truth, so there is but one spiritual  
baptism and the living members of the true Church are  
joined in child-like obedience to their Lord in the unity of the  
being baptized by the One Spirit into the One Body of which  
to be the blessed and adorable Head -

On considering the state of society as brought to view by the  
the Quakers, much instructive counsel and advice have been  
furnished, particularly with respect to the attendance of our religious  
and a desire expressed that Friends might not suffer little  
parent than from assembling together in their little meetings  
and when thus gathered become so careless and unconcerned  
way to sleep and thereby bring a reproach on our profession.

We have also been reminded of the great responsibility  
which under the present trying circumstances rests upon us  
and we have made ourselves conspicuous in the eyes of the  
that only as we abide in an humble dependence on the



Church, can in such circumstances, being bereaved of  
consolation with a becoming gravity and solemnity of deportment  
we have been able to feel that we are guarded by his Spirit and are united  
to promotion of his cause in the Earth.

Our affectionate solicitude was also expressed for those amongst us, to whom  
entrusted the tender lambs of the flock, that they may seek to be made  
more and more fit to enable them to bring such up in the nurture and  
admonition of the Lord, <sup>and faithfulness</sup> restraining them from a conformity to the  
~~fashions and customs~~ the world and its vain fashions and customs  
intending that the future welfare of our Society very much depends on  
young generation who are long will be called to fill the places of those  
who have, who we feel persuaded are now required, not only to  
maintain, but in a peculiar manner to suffer for the doctrines of  
Jesus of Christ, but if they are made willing patiently to endure  
the end, these afflictions will work for them a far more exceeding and  
eternal weight of glory.

Truly the witness in many hearts has been reached and we have  
enabled to sit together as in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, being  
baptized into a precious cross of spirit, and united in a harmonious  
voice for the welfare of the Body, and it is our earnest desire that  
they all continue steadfast in the Faith, growing in Grace and  
in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, until we come to  
his glorious Kingdom.

We have received memorials from Sundry Monthly Meetings  
praising our dear deceased friends Benjamin Buffinton and Ruth  
Buffinton, which being read were satisfactory to the meeting.

Letters of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings in this Continent  
and those of London and Dublin, have been prepared and being  
read by this meeting, were directed to be signed by the Clerk and

forwarded.

Our friends inform that they

but to the Quarterly collecting the same privilege as last year in  
the changing the time and place of holding them is circumstantial and  
hard to render such change necessary, with which the committee, and  
they are requested to report such change if any be made in their  
to this meeting next year.

We have been favored through the several sittings of this year  
transact the business which has come before us, in a harmonious and  
orderly manner, and we are confident that we have conducted

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting  
by Martha S. Gould Clerk.

1876  
Lille, Norway.  
Extract for observation







